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MIGRATION AND THE NEW COMMUNIST POLITICS (BOOK REVIEW OF ALAIN BADIOU, MIGRANTS AND MILITANTS, 2020)

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The word 'migrant' makes it look as if the essence of the person we are talking about were to leave, to travel under terrible conditions, and to wind up somewhere. But no! That person's historical essence, itself the result of a capitalist order at the peak of its oppressive inegalitarianism, consists in being forced to become a nomadic proletarian. Let us give this name to the person we are talking about, and let us then understand that our duty is not to welcome

this person in the name of an ethics of hospitality. Our duty is to organize ourselves with him or her, with everyone like him or her, if possible at an international level, to prepare the end of the oligarchic world order whose result is his or her being as “nomadic proletarian. Which means: our duty is to think and prepare, with this person, the new communist politics (31).

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